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VERNON YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU  
ALAN M. SLOBODIEN, DIRECTOR

## VERNON YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 14, 2010

Attending: David Engelson, Eric Thepsiri, Vicky Rispoli, Dan Champagne and Alan Slobodien

### 1. Old Business

Alan shared Nfocus tracking data with the members present. This is the data management system the YSB has employed for the past three years that was purchased with grant funds from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. The YSB will need to renew the license for this software in October at a cost of \$650/year. The Board supported this expenditure.

### 2. Director's Report

#### a. Funding Updates

Alan provided state grant updates. Both the SDE cost-sharing and enhancement grants are in tact for next fiscal year at this moment. The State Senate originally voted to eliminate the enhancement grant funding, but this action was not supported by the House. The cost-sharing grant supports the part-time Program Assistant and other part-time positions and is just over \$23,000. The enhancement grant supports contracted case-management work for VCMS students and is \$6,250. The YSB contracts with KIDSAFE CT for these services.

#### b. Other YSB Programs

The YSB will be re-activating the Juvenile Review Board that is a program designed to divert youth from the juvenile court. A part-time case manager position is needed to operate the JRB and the YSB will shift funds from a current part-time position to support the JRB case manager. Alan reported that he has been discussing this funding shift with the staff person whose hours will be impacted by this change.

### 3. Prevention Council

Alan reported that the Drug and Alcohol Prevention Council will begin a parent awareness campaign at the end of April. The 3-week campaign will utilize the 10 billboards in town and has a poignant message for parents not to serve alcohol to their underage children.

4. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. following item #3 discussion.

**Next meeting: Wednesday; June 9<sup>th</sup>, 4:00p.m. @ 9 Elm Street**